

1999 FINAL TABLES

Premier League Division 1

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Capital City Suns	18	12	2	4	2	53	25	40
Weston Creek	18	9	6	3	6	47	23	39
Monaro	18	10	4	4	4	50	25	38
Canberra Deakin	18	11	3	4	2	44	20	38
Belconnen United	18	11	2	5	2	45	21	37
Canberra Olympic	18	11	2	5	1	44	22	36
Gungahlin Juventus	18	6	3	9	3	32	49	24
Uni of Canberra	18	3	2	13	2	27	48	13
Burns Club	18	3	0	15	0	14	74	9
Queanbeyan City	18	2	0	16	0	23	82	6

Under 23's

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Uni of Canberra	18	12	3	3	3	68	21	42
Belconnen United	18	11	4	3	4	74	24	41
Weston Creek	18	11	4	3	4	47	23	41
Monaro	18	8	5	4	5	55	31	34
Canberra Olympic	18	8	5	5	3	51	22	31
Canberra Deakin	18	8	3	7	1	59	27	28
Capital City Suns	18	8	1	9	1	59	50	26
Gungahlin Juventus	18	5	2	11	1	49	45	18
Burns Club	18	4	3	11	2	28	43	17
Queanbeyan City	18	0	0	18	0	5	209	0

Cosmos Youth

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	18	16	1	1	1	82	16	50
Gungahlin Juventus	18	15	0	3	0	75	24	45
Uni of Canberra	18	13	2	3	2	50	19	43
Canberra Deakin	18	11	1	6	1	54	32	35
Weston Creek	18	10	2	6	2	64	40	34
Capital City Suns	18	5	3	10	3	32	48	21
Monaro	18	6	1	10	1	42	60	20
Canberra Olympic	18	4	0	14	0	23	86	12
Burns Club	18	3	1	14	1	22	66	11
Queanbeyan City	18	1	1	16	1	25	76	5

Note: Queanbeyan City forfeited to Weston Creek Royals - Youth 27.6.99, Monaro forfeited to Belconnen United - Youth 22.8.99

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Premier League Division 2

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	21	16	4	1	2	50	15	54
Tuggeranong United	21	13	3	5	3	64	22	45
Cooma	21	11	3	7	1	36	31	37
ANU	21	9	5	7	4	46	32	36
Belwest Foxes	21	8	2	11	2	42	46	28
Sabres FC	21	3	8	9	6	30	50	26
White Eagles	21	6	4	11	3	35	49	25
ADFA	21	1	3	17	3	18	76	9

Reserve Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	21	16	2	3	2	45	16	52
Tuggeranong United	21	14	2	5	1	68	41	45
ANU	21	13	1	7	1	50	25	41
Belwest Foxes	21	13	0	8	0	61	24	39
White Eagles	21	10	2	9	2	52	37	34
ADFA	21	8	2	11	1	34	46	27
Sabres FC	21	4	1	16	1	21	57	14
Cooma	21	0	2	19	2	11	95	4

Rockets Youth League

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	18	15	2	1	2	87	21	49
Belconnen United	18	11	2	3	2	63	31	37
Belwest Foxes	18	8	3	6	3	49	38	30
Southern Spirit	18	5	1	11	1	36	68	20
Radford	18	5	2	11	2	26	44	16
Belsouth	18	3	0	15	0	23	82	9

Note: ADFA forfeited both games against O'Connor Knights 3.7.99

Golden Boot

Premier League 1:

24: S. Lazzari (WCK)

Premier League 2:

25: S. Channing (ANU)

SOCCER CANBERRA

1999

PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION 1

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL

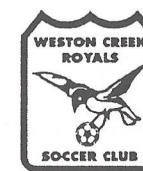
RIVERSIDE STADIUM

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Kickoff: 2pm



CAPITAL CITY SUNS



WESTON CREEK ROYALS

UNDER 23'S

Kickoff: 12pm



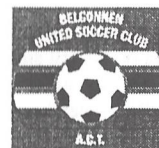
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA



BELCONNEN UNITED

COSMOS/ROCKETS YOUTH

Kickoff: 10am



BELCONNEN UNITED

SOUTHERN SPIRIT



Capital City Suns 1 (1)



Monaro 3 (3)

By Greg Welsh

Monaro proved too difficult a barrier for the Capital City Suns' minor premiership ambitions at Riverside Oval on Saturday with a gutsy 3-1 victory against the league leaders.

The Suns needed only to draw the match to clinch their first ever title in Canberra's top flight, but were outfought by a more determined Monaro outfit intent upon securing their own position in the top four.

If Saturday's game between Monaro and the Suns was any indication, the finals matches will not be lacking in either drama or intensity.

Both sides attacked aggressively from the outset, with Monaro's first goal arriving in the fifth minute after captain Danny Macor was judged to have been tripped in the Suns' penalty area.

Macor's striking partner Lazar Simeonov coolly slotted away the penalty to give Monaro the early lead, and 11 minutes later they went further ahead.

This time Joe Campagna's long through ball found Simeonov in acres of space, and the pacy marksman managed to find the back of the net despite a diving effort from Suns' keeper Tony Giannasca.

However, the Suns fought back immediately with a goal from the competition's leading scorer, Tony Lemezina, who connected with a pinpoint cross from midfielder Stan Blazeovski.

Monaro regained their two-goal cushion only seconds before half-time, when the Suns were unable to clear Macor's free-kick, allowing Darryl North to head the ball into the top left corner of the goal.

Although the second stanza did not produce any further addition to the scoreline, it certainly added plenty of controversy, with the Suns denied a penalty and also having a player sent off for dissent.

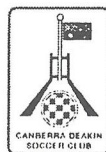
Suns' coach and club president, Bill Dojcinoski, felt a number of factors had conspired against his side. He was "very disappointed" in the referee's performance, and added that his team's preparation had been poor due to a number of player injuries and absences.

"Up till the last half-an-hour we didn't know what the team would look likebut Monaro - they were prepared, they were hungry, they wanted to win and they done it," Dojcinoski said.

Monaro coach Andrew Monterosso was full of praise for his team's display. "I don't think there's a team in the competition that can match us on our day," he said. "But you have to keep that performance up week in and week out through the semi's."



Belconnen United 1 (0)



Canberra Deakin 4 (1)

by Nathan Long

Canberra Deakin turned in a dominant performance to defeat Belconnen United 4-1 at Hawker on Sunday afternoon.

Belconnen could have taken out the minor premiership with a victory by two goals, but they now miss out on the finals altogether. This means the Capital City Suns clinch the title.

Deakin scored first in the 22nd minute from a free kick outside the box on the left side. Marcello Munoz curved a brilliant right foot strike into the top right hand corner where Belconnen keeper Rade Kosanovic never had a chance.

The games turning point came one minute from halftime when Deakin were up 1-0 and dominating play. Belconnen's Scott Manson was sent off upon receiving his second yellow card for elbowing Anthony Rakic in the head. From there it seemed Belconnen were never in the hunt.

In the 62nd minute Deakin scored their second when Anthony Barac ran onto a long cross from halfway and slotted the ball past Kosanovic.

Seven minutes later Munoz notched his double when he headed in a cross from Rakic on the left side.

Belconnen got a consolation goal in the 85th minute when Peter Farrelly drew Deakin Goalkeeper Pedro Pavez and passed to Daniel Camara who slotted it home.

Ben Deighan was one of Deakin's best, and he capped off his game with a powerful strike two minutes later. Stan Dukic laid up a soft pass directly in front on the outside of the box and Deighan hammered it into the top left corner.

Aside from Deighan's class in the mid-field, Munoz, Rakic and Barac created havoc amongst the Belconnen defence, while Deakin skipper Mladin Rogic was solid at the back. For Belconnen, Farrelly and Ray Junna never stopped trying.

Deakin coach Bernie Lustica was ecstatic with his team's performance. "The guys knew that they'd need to play nice soccer and that's what they did. Full credit to them, they just played out of their skins today."

Belconnen coach Lino Fiorese was philosophical, praising his side's performance over the course of the season, but disappointed with the game's result.

"Unfortunately, today we weren't the better side overall. They created early chances which was a little bit of a problem, and I think maybe they were a little bit more desperate than we were."



Weston Creek Royals 8 (6)



Burns Club 0 (0)

by Nick Guoth

Weston Creek Royals outclassed a raw Burns Club outfit to the tune of 8-0 with five of these going to Steve Lazzari thus securing him the Golden Boot for the second time in three years.

All the damage was done in the first 22 minutes when Weston were five up. Burns were rarely in the game and their only clear cut chance was in the final minutes of the game when Sam Huggins chipped the Weston keeper, Troy Boots, only to see the ball go the wrong side of the upright.

Yesterday Tony Lemezina scored for Suns thus moving him a goal ahead of Lazzari. It took Steve only 41 seconds to fix that problem. A clearance from Peter Thompson went straight to Tim Dale at the half-way line. He chested the ball down and sent a ball through to Lazzari. Steve rode the defender and shot truly giving young Joachim Milsom no chance.

Thirteen minutes later and Steve wrapped up the title. Manuel Sermenio took the ball down the right to the goal line and cut it back for Lazzari to volley home from close range.

Another four and it was the turn of Lazzari's partner in crime, Peter Hader to get on the scoresheet. A corner from Martin Lazzari fell on the edge of the six-yard box. No-one cleared and Hader put it away with his first chance.

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ROUND 1 - MAY 23



CAPITAL CITY SUNS

ALEXSOVSKI Tony
 BALLON Gino
 BLAZEVSKEI Stan
 FERNANDEZ Rolly
 GIANNASCA Tony (GK)
 KIRKHAM Mick (GK)
 LEE Stephen
 LEMEZINA Tony
 LYONS Shane
 ONDA Yuki
 PHOMMASEISY Pat
 PRENZOSKI Ilija
 PURDY Micah
 ROMANIUK Peter
 SHAW Ian
 SREDOJEVIC Mil
 STAMBOLZIEV David
 TRAN Tai
 UJDUR Luka
 WHITTINGHAM Jason

COACH: DOJCINOSKI Bill

O'Connor Oval
 Capital City Suns 2 (P. Phommaseisy, F. Giorgi)
 Weston Creek Royals 4 (S. Lazzari, P. Hader, H. Adhami)

Players to watch:

Tony Lemezina: Second highest goalscorer in the League. A veteran of the Finals.

Pat Phommaseisy: The apprentice to Lemezina up front, but getting a good reputation for scoring goals.

Luka Udjur: After some problems with injuries in the past, this midfielder has come of age and is playing some sparkling football.

Yuki Onda: A big step up for the rising sun as he has to fill the boots of Prenzoski and Lyons.

Tony Giannasca: One of ACT's best goalkeepers. Has been around for quite some time and has enormous experience.

Tai Tran: One of the finds of the season and soon to become an excellent sweeper.

Stan Blazeovski: Striker come midfielder with good all-around play.

David Stambolziev: One of the team's "hard men". A midfielder with a lot of height and the capability of scoring goals, especially with his head.

Stephen Lee: Former ACT Academy player. Small in stature, but enormous in heart.

Ian Shaw: The wise man on the bench. A great impact player.

UNDER 23'S MAY 30th

University of Canberra 4 (A. McDermott, V. Restango, B. Straube, M. Dowling)
 Belconnen United 0

ROUND 2 - AUGUST 8

Woden Park
 Weston Creek Royals 2 (S. Lazzari, J. Webb)
 Capital City Suns 2 (T. Lemezina, P. Phommaseisy)

Players to watch:

Steve Lazzari: Golden Boot for 1999 and lethal in front of goal. Also has plenty of experience at top level.

Peter Hader: Experience from England and Holland has shown in his form this year and his partnership with Steve has been very successful.

Martin Lazzari: One of the League's best dead-ball exponents, being able to place a corner or free-kick exactly where he wants it.

Manuel Sermenio: Classy midfielder with AIS and ACT Academy experience. Has fitted well into this team.

Tim Dale: Solid young defender with height and strength. Very much in the Jason Dunn mould.

Adrian Parragalli: An excellent defender with ACT representative experience. Speedy and solid.

Dion Cannell: A speedy wing-midfielder who will supply an endless number of accurate crosses.

Hami Adhami: One of the three brothers, each of whom have performed excellently throughout the winter. An impact midfielder.

Justin Webb: Another of the small but fast midfield set up by Bland.

Josh Whittingham: Overcoming severe injury and now returning to help his team. Another fast midfielder.



WESTON CREEK ROYALS

ADHAMI Hami
 ADHAMI Hassan (GK)
 ADHAMI Nabil
 BOOTS Troy (GK)
 CANNELL Dion
 CRAVEN Bradley
 DALE Tim
 DOHERTY Aaron
 DUGGAN Simon
 EVERT Warren
 GAGETTI Paul
 HALTON Anthony
 JULLIENNE Matt
 LAZZARI Martin
 LAZZARI Steve
 PARRAGALLI Adrian
 SATO Yoshi
 SERMENO Manuel
 STOCKS Matt
 WEBB Danny
 WEBB Justin
 WHITTINGHAM Josh

COACH: BLAND Jimmy

UNDER 23'S AUGUST 15th

Belconnen United 3 (D. Camara 3)
 University of Canberra 3 (D. Toivonen, M. Dowling, A. Bushby)

Three more and it was 4-0. Another corner on the right for Martin Lazzari, but this time the ball came in at the near post. Tim Dale challenged for the ball and the keeper tried to palm it away, but there were too many bodies in the way. The ball continued on its merry way and Martin was credited with the goal.

The fifth nail in the coffin came only one minute later. Fabain Serena beat Lazzari and then attempted to play a one-two with Ross Crawford. Peter Hader read the play and intercepted. He took the ball into the box and his shot came off the inside of the left hand upright for the score.

A little respite before the half-hour mark. Dion Cannell sent a cross from the right that went over Thompson and fell to Lazzari. He turned Thompson and sent a bullet that was too hard for Milsom to handle.

Both sides settled down after this hectic half-hour and there was no more scoring until the break, although a Cannell volley was well saved by Milsom.

Eleven minutes into the second half and Lazzari notched his fourth. Martin sent another corner from the right and this time it went to the far post where his brother Steve was free with enough time to volley home.

The final goal of the match came ten minutes later when Steve Lazzari recieved a long ball from the left. Again he turned his defender, as with his third, and sent a shot into the bottom right corner.

Weston pressed for more and except for the one chance to Huggins dominated the rest of the play.

"I think we outplayed any side in those first 25 minutes", said Weston coach Jimmy Bland. "The boys showed a lot of character and the passing and movement off the ball was excellent."

Steve Bryant said that his team new that the season was over for them before they kicked off. Even so, "we did better in the second half and all we need now is for the lads to start learning a bit quicker."



Queanbeyan City Lions 0 (0)



Canberra Olympic 7 (1)

by Greg Welsh

Canberra Olympic took out their frustration at missing a semi-finals berth on an outclassed Queanbeyan City at Riverside Stadium on Sunday.

What began as a competitive, if one-sided, match degenerated into a rout in the second half, with Olympic turning their half-time lead of 1-0 into a 7-0 thumping.

Olympic coach Baz Giampaolo dusted off his red boots to play a full match up front, while his midfield combination of Njegosh Popovich, Robbie Grande and Tim Moustakas were allowed enough time on the ball to wreak havoc with Queanbeyan's leaky defence.

Olympic brought up the first goal of the game in the 3rd minute after Grande curled in a cross from the right. Giampaolo chested the ball down into the path of Popovich who steered the ball into the Queanbeyan net via the left upright.

Despite dominating for the remainder of the half, Olympic were unable to increase their lead due to some bad luck and some desperate defending by Queanbeyan.

Goalkeeper Jovanco Naumovski saved brilliantly to deny Popovich and Moustakas on separate occasions, fullback Ilija Jordanoski cleared a Peter Mazis effort off the line, while a Takis Arvanitis thunderbolt from distance rattled a post.

Although Queanbeyan had defended grimly while they remained only one goal behind, all pretence of resistance vanished soon after the break.

In the 56th minute, Moustakas squared the ball to Popovich just outside the Queanbeyan penalty area. Olympic's midfield general sidestepped a couple of attempted tackles before placing the ball into the bottom right hand corner.

If that goal broke Queanbeyan's back, four goals within ten minutes threatened to turn the game into a farce. In the 67th minute, a Grande cross from the right found substitute Brendas unmarked at the far post for an easy tap in.

Within a minute of the restart Grande repeated the dose, this time providing another perfect ball for Mazis to head home.

Giampaolo set up Brendas' second a few minutes later before Daniel Raad added to Queanbeyan's woes with Olympic's sixth goal of the game.

All that was left was for Olympic's evergreen coach to notch up a goal next to his own name, and this he duly achieved just seconds before the final whistle when he headed Brendas' cross powerfully into the net from close range.

After the game, a dispirited Giampaolo was left to ruminate on what might have been. "There was nothing to play for, for both teams. It's such a hollow feeling really, after all that we've been through during the year, all the hard yards."

With each of their three teams finishing their respective competitions in last place, Queanbeyan could easily be forgiven for being glad that a disastrous season was finally at an end.

New coach Martin Allbright admitted that Queanbeyan faced a difficult future. "It was a big job when I took it on. I knew it wouldn't be fixed in one year," he said.

Allbright is currently preparing a 5-year plan which will attempt to correct Queanbeyan's dire shortage of players. "Once I've got that organised, this club will have three good teams," he said.



Gungahlin Juventus 1 (0) University of Canberra 1 (0)



by Nick Guoth

In a game of absolutely no importance to either team, Gungahlin Juventus and the University of Canberra played out a 1-1 draw at Jamison Oval.

Simon Foxhill scored for University midway through the second half after the Juventus keeper, Denis Langone, was unable to hold a stinging shot from Dustin Wells. Foxhill was on hand for the crumbs.

With ten minutes left in the game the gates to the Pacific Ocean opened up for George Cattanach after some mis-understanding in the Uni defence. Cattanach knew what to do and Chris Freeman had no chance to stop the shot.

Both teams had some chances to win the game, but the result probably left both clubs not unhappy and looking towards next year.

Juventus caretaker coach, Frank Cachia, said 'it was not much of a game, and it showed.' He gave praise to Craig Rankine and Jason Markesic and a special mention to 15 year old Carl Valeri.

Rod Lynes said most of his team pput in a good effort and he was quite happy with Gary Parkin who made the step up to first grade.